

# Over 48,000 Killed and Injured in Traffic Accidents in Past 10 Years

KABUL - Based on the findings of Mohammad SabirAnsan Dost, an Afghan researcher, violation of road rules, engine problems and reckless driving has resulted in over 48,000 traffic accidents in the past ten years.

In a book "The challenges of the Ministry of Interior and the solution strategy" Mohammad SabirAnsan Dost detailed ten years of traffic accidents in the country. Sabir said that until the government takes serious steps against reckless drivers and implements the rules of the roads the casualties will not decrease but will instead increase. "It shows that beside Taliban



and other terrorists, traffic accidents also caused that people do not feel safe and people face dangers. In this research I collected my articles from sources, libraries and traffic departments and pictured traffic accidents," said Ansad Dost.

Meanwhile four children were recently injured in a traffic accident in Ghazni province and are being treated in Kabul's Indira Gandhi Children's Hospital. The whereabouts of their relatives is not clear. In the other hand Kabul Traffic department at the Interior Ministry has not confirmed or denied the findings but said that in most cases carelessness ...*(More on P4)...(25)*

## Sugar & Ghee Prices Edge Up, Afghani down in Kabul

KABUL - The prices of sugar and ghee jumped while the rates of petrol and gold edged down during the outgoing week in Kabul, market sources said on Thursday.

Food Traders' Union head Fazal Rahman told Pajhwok Afghan News the price of a 49 kilograms bag of Pakistani sugar increased from 2,140 afghanis to 2,150afis and 16 liters of Shaista ghee from 1,040afis to 1,050afis.

But a 25kg sack of Pakistani rice cost 1,600afis and a 49kg bag of flour 1,230afis, the same as last week's. But a tea seller in Kabul Market, Haji Rahmatullah, sold a kilogram of African black for 260afis and the same amount of Madina green tea for 240afis. However, wholesale prices varied from retail rates ...*(More on P4)...(26)*

## 29 Militants Killed in Military Operations: Gov't

KABUL - Up to 29 militants have been killed during military operations conducted by Afghan security forces in 17 of the country's 34 provinces within last 24 hours, the Afghan Defense Ministry said on Friday morning.

About 40 militants were wounded and five suspected militants were detained in the raids, the ministry said in a statement that provides daily operational updates.

"The Afghan army launched the raids in close coordination with police and personnel



of national intelligence agency. The joint forces also seized weapons and ammunition besides defusing several landmines planted recently by the militants," the statement said, adding that the security forces also confiscated two vehicles and eight motorbikes. The Afghan security forces have beefed up security operations against militants since ...*(More on P4)...(27)*

## Suicide Bombing Kills 2, Wounds 6 in Nangarhar

JALALABAD - A suicide bomber targeted a security checkpoint in GhaniKhil district of the eastern Nangarhar province on Thursday, killing two people including himself and injured six others, a local official said. "A terrorist strapping explosive device on his body blew himself up next to a security checkpoint in GhaniKhil district, killing himself and another on the spot and injuring six others," the official told Xinhua but declined to be identified, saying authorized officials would brief the media after completion of investigation. Vil-

lagers also confirmed the suicide attack in GhaniKhil district on Thursday, saying two people including the bomber were killed and six others injured. Meanwhile, spokesman for Nangarhar provincial governor, AtaullahKhogyani in talks with Xinhua confirmed that a blast rocked Ghani district. However, he did not provide further details. A similar violent incident in the neighboring Nazyan district of Nangarhar province claimed the lives of 11 people and injured 23 others, mostly civilians, on Tuesday. (Xinhua)

## 15 Militants Killed, 20 Wounded in Pasaband Gunbattle

FEROZKOH - Fifteen militants have been killed and 20 others wounded in clash with security forces in Ghor province, local officials claimed on Friday. Led by Taliban-designated governor Mullah Taimour, nearly 500 insurgents attacked security posts in Pasaband district late on Thursday. Col. Abdullah Khan, the district police chief, told Pajhwok Afghan News 15 of the attackers had been killed and 20 others injured so far in the ongoing gunbattle. He said two policemen had also been killed and three others wounded



in the fighting. Since the main district road had been blocked by Taliban, he said supplies were flown to the town. Abdul HaiKhatibi, the governor's spokesman, confirmed the clash. He accused the fighters of trying to overrun the district, but the security forces were ready to face any challenge. Also on Thursday, the Taliban stormed the Noor Koh village on the outskirts of Ferozkoh, the ...*(More on P4)...(28)*

## Armed Men Rape Woman in Baghlan

KABUL - Armed men have reportedly raped a woman in Guzargah-e-Noor district of northern Baghlan province after beating her husband, officials reported.

The victim has asked for justice to be served, but said that the police department in the district did not take action against the perpetrators when she reported the incident. Meanwhile, district police headquarters officials said that the security forces have arrested a suspect allegedly involved in the rape case.

The victim was on her way home from Takhar province when the armed men opened fire on the car they were heading home in. Her husband was injured in the shooting. The men then allegedly raped the woman. "They beat me and snatched my scarf, they took me into the car and tied my mouth ...*(More on P4)...(29)*

## Smugglers Use Catapult to Get Drugs over Iran's Borders

KABUL - Traffickers make use of any means to smuggle illegal substances into and out of Iran, finally transferring them to other countries, Jazini said, as reported by Entekhab and translated by IFP. Now that Iran's police have managed to block the land borders and maintain great control over the waterways, smugglers are resorting to means such as catapults to get their drugs into Iran, he noted. "This has mostly happened around the Sistan and Baluchestan borders [in south-east Iran, bordering both Afghanistan and Pakistan]," Jazini noted, adding that the individuals who had retrieved the thrown bundles of drugs had been arrested and punished. (Agencies)

## Rain-Fed Land Set to Produce Bumper Potato Crop

TALOQAN - Rain-fed lands in five districts of northern Takhar province are set to produce a bumper potato crop this year, local officials said on Friday. In an exclusive interview with Pajhwok Afghan News, the agriculture director said the staple vegetable had been grown in deserts of Farkhar, Kalafgan, Warsaj, Rustaq and ChahAab districts. Mohammad Salem Sayee added: "This is the common potato variety, not the type meant for cultivation in land-fed lands. Timely



rains will enable the soil to retain wetness until the harvest months." A number of growers in the five districts were motivated for the first time by the Aga Khan Foundation into sowing the major crop on their rain-fed lands, the official said. "The desert areas sown with potato seem to give a good yield," the director remarked, hoping the crop would bring good income ...*(More on P4)...(30)*

## Militant Commander Wounded After Hit by a Roadside Bomb

KABUL - A commander of the anti-government armed militants was wounded in an explosion triggered by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) which was planted by his own fighters. The Ministry of Defense (MoD) said the incident took place in Rodat district of eastern Nangarhar province. MoD in a statement said at least two militants were also killed in the incident and four others including the commander of the group were wounded. The statement by MoD

further added that the wounded militants commander has been identified as Zubair who is well known as Abdullah. The anti-government armed militant groups including the Taliban insurgents have not commented regarding the report so far. This comes as an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) expert of the Taliban group was killed in an explosion in northern Kunduz province of Afghanistan earlier. According to the security ...*(More on P4)...(31)*

### Outlook Horoscope

#### Aries (Mar. 22-Apr.20)

A whole new level of reality is available if you tune into the previously unseen world that exists beyond the obvious distractions. Although you may be itching to move on to your next experience, you'll miss the magic if you acquiesce to the latest flashy temptation. Don't let the noise lure you away from your heart. Even if you are fearful of what you may discover.

#### Taurus (Apr.21-May 20)

You are not satisfied with a simple solution to your unfulfilled needs. You want more now and are willing to run an obstacle course for your reward. Ironically, your non-negotiable desires, coupled with your unflappable determination, could actually lead you to the goodies you seek if you know when to ease up on the gas. Unfortunately.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You have a rare opportunity to deepen a relationship now by using your wit and charm. But employing humor to sidestep your inconvenient feelings will only add anxiety to the day. The key to your satisfaction is making people more comfortable with the emotional intensity. Nevertheless, it's a tricky balancing act; if you are too easygoing, you might lose the potential potency of the moment.

#### Cancer (June 21-July 20)

Bringing your feelings into the discussion at the right time leads to a successful power play at work while earning you a new wave of respect. Nevertheless, you must tread lightly because your friends and allies might resist your plan if you arouse their anger. Unfortunately, you may end up wasting valuable resources dealing with an unnecessary drama if you push your luck.

#### Leo (July 21-Aug. 21)

Playful flirting can suddenly turn serious today, so don't send out the invitation unless you are ready to give one hundred percent to your romantic gestures. On the other hand, revitalizing a long-term relationship might be more rewarding than starting up a new one. Just exercise caution; you won't be able to cool the passion down as quickly as you fired it up if the feelings grow hot.

#### Virgo (Aug. 22-Sep 22)

Unexpressed feelings intensify relationships in unforeseeable ways today. You might try to avoid the uncertainty of emotional conflict, but the outcome could be more fruitful than you expect. A power struggle may come out of nowhere, especially if family memories are triggered by current circumstances. Keep in mind that your fears are more problematic than what's actually occurring now.

#### Libra (Sep 23-Oct. 22)

A casual interaction with a coworker can be enough to lift your spirits now. Potent Pluto and your key planet Venus join in a marriage between power and beauty today, emphasizing the best parts of any type of relationship. Unfortunately, lasting pleasure won't come without sincere intentions and hard work; desire is simply not enough. Be brave and reveal your feelings to start the ball rolling in the right direction.

#### Scorpio (Oct.23-Nov.22)

Disclosing your feelings is less of a struggle now if you acquiesce and go along for an emotional ride, no matter where it takes you. Your key planet Pluto is on the receiving end of a delectable kiss from romantic Venus, motivating you to take a nominal risk in love without being overly attached to the outcome. However, everyone seems to be concentrating on a different agenda.

#### Sagittarius (Nov.23-Dec.20)

You are graced with a natural ability to shine your love light into the darkness, creating a more meaningful experience without appearing overly serious. Still, there are weighty matters on your mind and you should take them to heart today. Luckily, your thoughtful actions now will begin to resolve the emotional tensions that have plagued the past few weeks. Adopting an I-can-do-it attitude is the first step toward lightening your load.

#### Capricorn (Dec.21-Jan19)

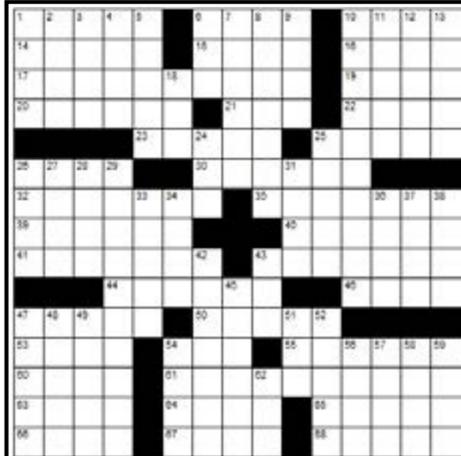
Although passionate feelings about your relationships intensify today, you might be reluctant to share your likes and dislikes with your friends. Unfortunately, your inner resistance to expressing your needs may reveal that you're not ready to open up to someone special. Even if you prefer to be the strong and silent type, showing your vulnerability can be a sign of courage when you telegraph your availability.

#### Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb.18)

Confining a professional relationship to strictly business is an understandable tactic, but an unexpected opportunity to share your feelings is intriguing, nonetheless. Of course, it's absolutely crucial to respect appropriate boundaries, but you still can let the other person know what's occurring in your inner world if they seem sincerely interested.

#### Pisces (Feb.19-Mar.20)

Your fascination with a piece of jewelry, furniture, clothing or artwork might tempt you to make a significant purchase today. A burning desire in your heart enchants you with the idea of owning something beautiful, leading you to compulsive behavior now, whether or not you actually acquire anything. Keep in mind that this attraction could simply be a reflection of your growing sense of self-worth.



**Across**  
 1. Seraglio, 6. Appear, 10. Money, 14. Spry, 15. A single time, 16. Savvy about, 17. A sport involving a ball and a net, 19. Chew, 20. Excrements, 21. Central, 22. Egghead, 23. Sysadmin, 25. Two times thirty, 26. Female sheep (plural), 30. Imitation, 32. Baffle, 35. Angered, 39. Less difficult, 40. Incumbency, 41. Competitor, 43. A rudimentary inner toe, 44. Conceive, 46. Not difficult, 47. Backsides, 50. Russian currency, 53. A Freudian stage, 54. N N N N, 55. Bay, 60. Swing around, 61. Eviscerate, 63. Faucets, 64. Small island, 65. Portents, 66. Visual organs, 67. Not now, 68. Garbage.

**Down**  
 1. Possess, 2. All excited, 3. Anger, 4. L L L L, 5. Encounters, 6. Weep, 7. Captivate, 8. Overshadow, 9. Blend, 10. Awareness or notice, 11. Building addition, 12. Begin, 13. Informal greeting, 18. Cheer, 24. Gender, 25. Scatter, 26. Type of sword, 27. Withdraw gradually, 28. At one time (archaic), 29. Apathetic, 31. Pot, 33. Conducts, 34. Sea eagle, 36. Babylonian goddess of healing, 37. Historical periods, 38. Wet, as morning grass, 42. Sully, 43. Cotillion girl, 45. Scuffle, 47. Sew together loosely, 48. To untwist, 49. Brownish gray, 51. Flee, 52. Arm joint, 54. Modify, 56. Unwakable state, 57. Is indebted to, 58. Blow off steam, 59. If not, 62. Poetic dusk.

**Yesterday's Solution**

beard, beast, bless, bliss, camel, caterpillar, cheat, civet, colloquial, endure, feel, grass, group, heart, ideal, lambaste, lame, leal, llama, lovers, paste, peach, pile, point, polar, pound, rage, rough, salon, scam, short, shrub, stubble, surly, tans, testify, tier, tiger, tins.

